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1. Julius Maurer, Minister without Portfolio in the Czechoslovak Government, was born on 18 June 1896, and started out as a lathe operator. He was a member of the Left Wing of the Social Democratic Party of Czechoslovakia, which split off in 1921 and became the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. Maurer was one of the founders of that party.
2. From 1921 to 1925 he was a Communist Party functionary, first a district secretary and later a regional secretary in Kosice. He emigrated from Czechoslovakia to the USSR in 1925 and remained there until 1944. In the USSR, he at first worked again as a lathe operator. Later he studied at and graduated from the Moscow Academy of National Economy and Planning and obtained employment in the People's Commissariat of Finance of the USSR.
3. During World War II he served with the Soviet Army as a political officer. After 1945 he was made chairman of the regional Communist Party committee in Kosice. In 1948, after the coup, he became head of the regional action committee of the National Front in Kosice. Later he became head of a department in the State Planning Office. In September 1951, he was appointed Deputy Minister of General Engineering, and in August 1952, Minister of Heavy Engineering. His last appointment as Minister without Portfolio with special duties is also of cabinet rank.¹
4. In Russia Maurer was a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He is also a leader of the Committee for Soviet-Czechoslovak Friendship.

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Comment. his functions include matters relating to nuclear energy.

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